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BOLIVIA: Former president Gregorio Pacheco is to be honored by a series of commemorative stamps which will be issued this month.
BRITISH COLONIES: The rumors concerning the sets of Royal Wedding Silver Jubilees, have finally taken concrete shape. According to information just received; the Crown Agents plan to issue 48 sets for use in the Crown Colonies and other British possessions. Each set will consist of two values; the low value being the inland letter rate and the other will be the highest denomination in the regular current series. For example British Guiana will have a 2 1/2 pence and a 5 shilling while Gibraltar will have a 1 1/2d. and a 1 Pound. According to the plan now under consideration all of the stamps will be of the same design and the colors will be the same as those of stamps of the current series.



BUGARIA: A new set has just been issued to commemorate the national program for recreational activities. Denominations are 4 leva scarlet, showing a man reading; a 20l. blue, showing a girl playing an accordion; 40l. green, showing a group of people listening to music; and a 60l. sepia, showing a girl with a ball.



ECUADOR: A new set has just been issued honoring Andres Bello. The postage set consists of a 20c ultramarine, a 30c rose, a 40c green, and a 1 sucre black, the air mail set consists of a 60c lake, a 1.30 deep green and a 1.90 red.
HUNGARY: We illustrate one of the two new values added to the centenary set issued last month, these are an 8f. henna red, showing a flag, and 30f.

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ROUMANIA: We illustrate a new commemorative series just received, honoring the new constitution of the popular Republic; denominations are as follows: 1 leu rose red, 2 lei orange yellow, and 12 lei blue.

Special Cachet Offered For The Four Chaplains Stamp

The new three cent stamp, of special delivery size, honoring the four chaplains who sacrificed their lives when the troopship, **DORCHESTER**, sank in the North Atlantic on February 3, 1943, will be placed on sale in Washington, D. C., on May 28. The four chaplains—a priest, two ministers and a rabbi—had given up their lifebelts to soldiers aboard the torpedoed vessel and were last seen standing with locked arms, each uttering his own prayer. Shown on the stamp are left to right, the Rev. George L. Fox, of Cambridge, Vt., a Methodist pastor; the Rev. Clark V. Poling, of the First Reformed Church of Schenectady, N. Y.; the Rev. John P. Washington, formerly of St. Stephens' Catholic Church of Arlington, N. J., and Rabbi Alexander Goode of Washington.

An original painting of the incident hangs in the New York offices of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, at 381 Fourth Avenue. The Conference, which is dedicated to fostering understanding, amity, justice and cooperation among people of all faiths and nationalities, will sponsor a special cacheted cover for the "Four Chaplains" stamp, one picture actually showing the four clergymen as depicted on the stamp, the other a dramatic picturization taken from the original painting showing the four chaplains standing on the deck with locked arms as the ship is going down.

The first day covers will be available at 25 cents apiece or five for a dollar. Orders with remittance should be addressed to P. O. Box 302, Pleasantville, N. Y. Any profit from this enterprise will be devoted to the work of the above organization, the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Convention Auction Will Feature U. S. And BNA Stamps

It is a usual thing at each stamp exhibition or gathering that an auction be held as part of the entertainment for the visiting collectors. The APS Convention and Exhibition at Denver, Colorado this year will be no exception to this traditional practice, for on September 9, a Thursday, the attendees, can buy stamps at one. This year's auction will be sponsored by Robert A. Siegel, 124 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, N. Y. Mr. Siegel states that the lots will be distributed over the stamps of the United States, Canada and Newfoundland. In the very near future, the catalog for this sale will be ready for the mail, and interested collectors can apply at this time for it. When ready, they will receive it.

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Cachet Commemorates Landing Of Zeppelin

A cachet will be sponsored by the St. Louis Hobby Fair in commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of the landing of the Navy ZR-1 (the world's largest airship at that time) at the International Air Races on October 2, 1923 at St. Louis, Missouri. Covers should be self addressed, air mail stamped and accompanied by 1c per cover for handling. The Government Air Mail envelope will be the pattern used in setting the presses so this type envelope will be greatly appreciated (6 1/2 size). An attempt will be made to have the covers postmarked from Lambert Field, the sight of the 1923 Air Races. The covers should reach the cachet director by September 15, 1948. Leslie S. Merrell, c/o St. Louis Hobby Fair 455 Lake Avenue St. Louis 8, Missouri

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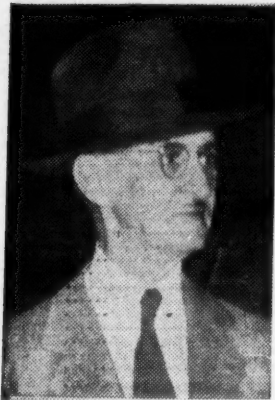
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Many times in the past this publication has come boldly to the front and has printed material which we knew would irk someone, most often some dealer who has used our columns to advertise his wares, whether they be stamps or philatelic accessories. Your editor is the son of a man who published a newspaper when this editor was born. That was back in the days when newspapers felt an obligation to their readers and when advertising pressure had not yet been developed to the point wherein a heavy advertiser often can wield a great influence on what a paper may print. In printing this material we could have done it in two different ways, either a brief statement of the known facts without explanation or comment or a thorough article in which we



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would carefully point out the facts and dwell on them to such an extent as to make them clearly understandable and plain to the most amateur collector. We usually used the latter method and have thus been severely censored for it by those who have felt that we were stepping on their toes. From the reader angle we have had much encouragement in the way of approval of our actions, yet most of those who have approved have acted in such a manner that we are led to believe their support is fickle, for while they have in many cases written us letters approving our stand they at the same time support the other publications which have steadfastly kept their seat on the middle of the fence with an attempt to balance themselves so carefully that they never get on either side.

In the earlier days of Philatelic Journalism in this country the publishers and publications were thoroughly independent. This was back in the days when there was not a single publication except the one weekly of those days that was self supporting. In later years when actual competition in the philatelic publishing field began to develop, there gradually came a change in the attitude of the publishers and editors and we can see where other influences began to creep in. Perhaps Charles E. Severn was one of the first of the bigger editors to sense the trend of things and he was an expert at taking neither side but hoeing a row down the middle of any controversy that might come along.

For myself, as I have said, my father was a newspaper man when I was born. He was of the school that was independent of the pressure that can be exerted today by the advertiser. I had always believed that that was the right and proper function of any newspaper, to first consider the good of its subscribers and I have always acted in that manner.

I do not believe there is another philatelic publication today that has followed that rule. Despite our independence we have gathered a host of friends and stand today, we believe near the top in American Philatelic Journalism.

Recently we have had occasion to print numerous articles about the use of cellulose acetate and similar transparent stamp mounts. We did this in good faith, due to our own experiences and due to the experience of other unbiased philatelists. We considered the information of value to the collector and for his own good. This matter has spread until it has become quite a controversial subject and there seems no end to it for we do believe that there are many instances whereby the use of this material has left no traces of destruction and to convince such users otherwise would be a big task.

Our final articles on this subject consisted of a thorough story by Mr. Herman Herst Jr., of whom we hold the highest opinion as a real philatelist and an honorable one, and after that was published we felt obligated to print a rebuttal to that article which was written by a manufacturer of one of these brands of mounts. We shall not express an opinion as to the merits of any of the articles, and we can not continue to thresh out these matters with brickbats being thrown by both sides for an indefinite period. During my stay in Florida in April it appears that our Mr. Rueth may have re-

fused further space on this subject which was within policy. Now comes Mr. Herst with a bit of copy which he offers us as paid advertising and we are printing it as paid advertising under the same heading as is used on this editorial.

We hope that this will clear the matter for the time being and as for our future actions in matters of this nature we shall attempt to print any facts in a brief manner, leaving their analysis to the reader.

We know for a fact that most of the papers will not print anything of a controversial nature, we shall not promise to be that close about what we do print but we are definitely going to limit debate from ourselves or from our readers on such subjects.

History Of United States Air Mail Service Summarized

by H. M. Brehm
PIONEER PERIOD

Probably most of the earlier mail carried in the air was done in planes owned by air-minded adventurers, barn-stormers, hedge-hoppers and durn fools, as they were called. In 1911 Earle Ovington carried some mail out of Garden City, L. I. which Postmaster General Hitchcock had handed to him in his plane—he carried it some 12 miles. Walter Brookins carried a bundle from St. Louis, Lincoln Beachey, from Rochester, N. Y. Destination was generally nowhere, but the letters became "air-mail". In 1912 California started the ball rolling, followed by most other States that year. Still no system, except possibly from city to city.

Official Government Flights

The first regular airmail route in the United States was inaugurated May 15, 1918 between Washington-Philadelphia-New York. Followed shortly by Chicago-New York. Then Washington - New York-Boston, New York-Cleveland-Chicago and still others in the same year.

Contract Airmail

Beginning 1926, by Act of Congress, airmail carriers who had shown satisfactory service to the Postoffice Department, were awarded contracts for carrying mail over stated routes on a time-schedule. Generally, these early contracts carried heavy subsidies to encourage further pioneering. Route 1—Boston-New York was opened July 1, 1926.

Foreign Airmail

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Overseas Airmail

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Note

In 1934 the postmaster General cancelled all contracts with carriers, because he deemed their charges too high. In an effort to force them down he gave the task of carrying the mails to the planes of the U. S. Army. But those good pilots did not know how to combat snow and fog and darkness according to a time-table. After 6 months they had wrecked so many planes, lost so much mail and killed so many of themselves that the postoffice department gladly handed the job back to experienced carriers.

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The sailor remarked that his first thought would be to go to the Sydney Post Office to get some of each of the Australian stamps that would be on sale there. Further inquiry revealed that this sailor was one of a large number of them on his ship that made it a point to buy stamps at each of their port of calls.

Join the Navy, and buy your stamps at face!

Helicopter Mail Service For Chicago Is Quite Probable

A recommendation that Helicopter Air Service, Inc., a Chicago group, be awarded a five year certificate to permit air transportation of mail and cargo—but not passengers—between Chicagoland communities, the main downtown postoffice building, and the city airport, was filed in Washington May 4, by Civil Aeronautics Board Examiner Ferdinand D. Moran. The recommendation now goes to the CAB for final action.

According to Moran's report to the board, such a service would speed mail deliveries in the Chicago metropolitan area from 18 to 42 hours. He said also that the helicopter pickup of air mail would quicken air mail movements from this area to destinations all over the world, and asserted that postoffice policy is to make a careful trial of "every new facility affording a practical prospect for advancing postal transport."

"Chicago is typical of other large American cities in that the time gained by rapid transportation of much of its air mail to and from other cities is lost by reason of the distances involved and slow circuitous surface facilities between suburban points and the airport," Moran wrote.

If the CAB authorizes the service as recommended, Chicago will become the second city to have helicopter air mail service. Los Angeles has had copter air mail service for almost a year.

Helicopter Air Service was formed in 1946 by a group of naval air veterans, several business men, and several attorneys. Its head is T. H. (Ham) Reidy, a former navy fighter pilot with 10 Jap planes and a cruiser destroyed in combat on his war record. B. H. Harding, an attorney, is vice president. Charles Cessna, counsel and secretary, is another navy air veteran who is also an attorney.

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745 6c Parks	9.00	54	(6)1.00
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To commemorate this historic event the Lockheed Stamp Club of the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation is sponsoring an attractive cachet commemorating the delivery of this huge airplane on the 150th anniversary of the commissioning of the famous U. S. Navy Frigate Constitution ("Old Ironsides.") The club has prepared for collection a limited number of exceptionally attractive bi-colored envelopes for the cachet. For those desiring to send in their own covers a conventional rubber stamp cachet will be used. A brief description of the Lockheed Constitution will be supplied in all covers prepared by the club and will be added to all unsealed covers supplied by collectors.

To obtain the prepared bi-colored cacheted covers, collectors should forward their names and addresses (printed or type-written) to the address noted below, plus 15 cents per cover, (two for 25 cents) to cover air postage and handling charges. Those wishing to supply their own covers should send size 6 1/4 or larger standard envelopes, self addressed, franked with air mail postage, unsealed, and enclose 5 cents (cash) per cover to defray handling charges. A 3 1/2 inch space at the left for the cachet must be provided. Remittance should be by cash, money order or postal note payable to the Lockheed Stamp Club (no stamps) and all orders and covers must be received not later than May 28th. Address Lockheed Stamp Club, c/o L. E. R. C., P. O. Box 551, Burbank, California.

As a suggestion, some collectors may wish to use two of the 3 cent Constitution stamps or the 15 cent air mail illustrating the sister ship, the Lockheed Constellation. For those desiring the 15 cent air post stamp on the prepared covers from the Lockheed Stamp Club an additional 10 cents (or a total of 25 cents) per cover must be forwarded. The club will use the 3 cent Constitution commemorative postage stamps, if available, or the 5 cent air post on covers serviced by them.

The Lockheed Stamp Club has for some time sponsored several Veteran's Hospital stamp clubs and will use a portion of these funds to supply these clubs with philatelic materials and supplies.

SPECIAL CORRECTION

The Herrick Stamp Co., of 43 Herrick Drive, Lawrence, L. I. New York, had sent in a copy change for their ad of May 10th which arrived too late to be entered.

Their change was to the effect that the Great Britain Silver Wedding set was to be changed from \$4.60 to \$3.75. This should be an added incentive to recheck the ad for other savings.

NEW U. S. FIRST DAYS

May 28—Four Chaplains 3c, first day at Washington, D. C.

May 29—Wisconsin Centennial of Statehood 3c, first day at Madison, Wis.

June 4—Migration of Swedes to Mid-West Centennial 5c. (No first day city announced).

July 19—100 Years Progress of American Women 3c, first day at Seneca Falls, N. Y.

August 9—Francis Scott Key 3c, first day at Frederick, Md.

November 4—Will Rogers 3c, first day at Claremore, Okla.

December 9—Joel Chandler Harris 100th Anniversary of Birth, 3c. First day at Eatonton, Ga.

Announced Without Details Gold Star Mothers Commemorative.

First day covers bearing the above stamps can be had by requesting them from the postmasters of the city designated for first day of issue and by adhering to the usual regulations governing such requests.

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An announcement from K. Bileski, Station B, Winnipeg, Canada states that a special edition of the U. S. A. title page is ready for distribution. Readers will recognize that the USA page is one of a series of title pages drawn in brilliant colors by the famed miniaturist, Arthur Szyk, and which are used by many collectors as a frontispiece for their albums, or as a picture to be displayed in their homes or clubs.

This special edition is in the original size of the page as produced by Szyk, that is 10" x 12", and is intended for framing and display as a work of art, which it truly is. It is printed by the finest known method of reproduction, the slow (takes about nine months), costly Color Colotype or Heliochrome Process. So exact is the finished print when done by a master hand that it is practically impossible to tell a reproduction and original apart when laid side by side.

The printing of this page was executed by one of the foremost experts of this type of printing, Arthur Jaffe, formerly of Vienna and now of the Metropolitan Museum of Arts in New York. The edition of these special pages is limited, and it is suggested that any interested persons write to Mr. Bileski at the above address at once.

Pelander To Auction
Famous Tows Collection

Carl Pelander, one of New York's leading stamp auction houses has announced that the famed Ferris Tows collection will be sold by him at auction, this coming fall.

The Tows collection consists wholly of United States Colonies or dependencies, the Hawaiians being the principal part of this great collection.

It should be noted that there are no United States stamps of any consequence in this collection which is valued in the neighborhood of half a million dollars.

Mr. Pelander will make due announcement of dates and other details at a later date.

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Postage stamps bearing the likeness of the late Mohandas K. Gandhi are being made for the Indian government. Previously all Indian stamps were printed in London.

Work began on the commemorative stamps after a telegraphic order was received from New Delhi.

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The Dietz Press of Richmond, Va., is announcing its latest hand-book titled "The Confederate States Post-Office Department Its Stamps and Stationery" by August Dietz, Sr.

The new volume was not only written but designed by the elder Dietz, noted philatelist and student of the Confederate Post-Office Department.

The present hand-book of the U. D. C. is a remarkable condensation of this authority's earlier work. It describes the Confederacy's Post-Office Department; Secession and Confederation; the trying period of organization; John R. Reagan, Postmaster-General; the so-called "Stampless Period"; the War Governments of the Confederacy and of the United States; the first Confederate stamp and all of the succeeding issues with full descriptions and many historical and illuminating facts concerning each.

The author tells about essays submitted by bidders which were rejected; the delightful story of a foreign-printed Confederate stamp; another that was prepared but never issued; the first copper-plate stamp; the real classic of the Confederacy; the first steelplate stamps, and many other interesting facts and stories on the South's stamps and stationery.

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The book is obtainable from The Dietz Press, Inc. Richmond 19, Va. at the price of one dollar.

CORRECTION

Attention is called to the ad of the Harmony Stamp Shop, Box 82, Dept. A. Cooper Sta., New York 3, N. Y., in our issue of April 26th. In the prices given blocks serviced on cover should have read 12c per block plus face instead of 21c plus face. This was a transposition of figures.

Algeria had issued 51 semi-postal stamps by 1947.

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756 1c Parks	.06	.24	.35	.30	.42 1.20 2.00
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762 7c Parks	.32	.85	.95	.90	1.70 1.80 3.75 7.00
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A Rocket Mail Cover

Shown above is one of the covers that were flown on the experimental rocket flight recently. The story is given on page 1 of this issue.

Cachet Marks City's Centennial

A number of cities throughout the United States are celebrating their centennials this year and in some of them wide awake local stamp clubs are commemorating these occasions with cachets. The city of LaCrosse, Wisconsin has such an event this year, and the Gateway Stamp Club of that city is offering a cachet to collectors in honor of it.

Four days will be set aside by the citizens of that city for the local celebration, July 15-18.

Collectors are to prepare their own covers. They are to add their names and addresses to their own envelopes so that a space of about 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 inches is clear on the left hand side. First class postage must be affixed also, three cents for regular postage, five cents for air mail. Each envelope should have a light cardboard stuffer.

The prepared covers then should be put in another and larger envelope and addressed to W. J. Boylan, 726 S. 23rd St., LaCrosse, Wis. To help cover expenses, the club asks that one cent per cover be included.

New Catalog Announced Of Exhibition Seals

A third edition of the Catalogue of U. S. Canadian and Cuban Philatelic Exhibition Seals is now in preparation, according to Stanley H. Wasson, editor. Many new philatelic seals discovered since the publication of the 1946 edition have been incorporated into the listings and have also been priced. Cuban philatelic seals will be listed for the first time.

The year 1947, the centenary of the first U. S. stamps, saw the issuance of over one hundred seals and labels by the many philatelic societies. The 5c Franklin and 10c Washington stamps (No. 1 & 2) were the center motif of the seals of that year.

This third edition will have over 5000 listings and be of over 80 pages. Clubs and collectors are asked to submit all unlisted material to the editor at 911 Southern Boulevard, New York 59, N. Y.

Rochester Club Installs New Officers

A new slate of officers was recently installed in the Rochester Collectors Club of Rochester, N. Y. Harry Frey is the new president, Adolf Strauss, the vice-president, Paul Dressler, treasurer and the recording and corresponding secretaries are Oswald Bachman and Charles Busch respectively. The club meets the first Monday of each month except July and August in the Labor Lyceum, St. Paul St. in Rochester. Collectors are welcome at these meetings.

House Publication Adopts The "New Look"

Collectors will be sure to welcome the new size and format of Gimbel's Stamp News, published and issued by Gimbel's Stamp Department, 33rd and Broadway, New York 1, N. Y. With the April issue, the "News" was produced in a handy pocket-size that is easy to carry and consult. As usual, the News is filled with many fine offers from this, "The World's Largest Stamp Department". Also, there are several articles of reading matter designed to give philatelic information to collectors.

The offers listed include a number of complete mint sets of stamps from all countries. The British Colonies and Dominions, Europe, Asia and Oceania are all represented. A very comprehensive listing of United States issues has been made, these being quoted in singles and blocks of four. All the commemorative stamps of the United States are pictured and for this reason the News will also make a fine reference booklet.

Jacques Minkus, manager of the department, states that the News is sent to their regular customers, but can also be obtained by other interested collectors by directing a request to him at the above address.

Prizes Given To Cacheted Cover Fans

There were exactly eighteen collectors of cacheted covers who received a bit more than a cachet when they sent their covers to Lindsay, Calif. for the Orange Blossom Festival. They received either a package of olives, or oranges, the grand prize winner receiving both. On April 15, two days before the Festival, a drawing was made from the covers that were on hand, eighteen names being selected. Of the eighteen, one was drawn from this group and was designated as the grand award winner. The grand award consisted of a pack of olives and a box of oranges.

The orange blossom festival is an annual affair at Lindsay. It is in the heart of the early orange and olive growing country, the town being surrounded for miles by the groves. Fifteen orange packing plants and two olive canneries, one the largest in the world, plus two olive oil plants make up part of the business life of this community.

Fraternal Club Meets Regularly

Stamp Collectors with the proper Masonic affiliations are eligible to become members of the Square and Compass Stamp Club of Los Angeles, Calif. The club extends its offer of membership not only to the collectors in the Los Angeles area, but to member Masons in other parts of the United States. The club meets twice each month, on the second and fourth Tuesdays at the Raymond Ave. school, 75th and Normandie.

The recently elected officers are Leroy Smith, president, John Wischaupt, vice-president, corresponding secretary, Albert J. York, recording secretary, Kathryn L. Taylor and treasurer, Elda E. Wischaupt. Address of secretary York is 649 E. 99th St., Inglewood, Calif.

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Orton had planned to set up in business in California but found it too far from the real stamp market to make it a worth while effort. It is apparent to anyone who knows what is going on that New York is the center of the Philatelic World and that makes it the logical point from which to do business and that is what Orton plans to do with a line of choice United States as his chief stock in trade.

Orton was a former patron of our advertising columns and is now preparing copy for a series of advertisements which will appear soon.

California Engineer Has Novel Collection

Something new in stamp collecting has been started by Roy C. Mitchell, a structural engineer of 540 Gower St., Los Angeles, Calif.

As an exhibit for the California Centennial, Mitchell is preparing a story of the highlights of California's history as told by the stamps that commemorate the events.

The stamps mark the discovery of gold here and the admission of the State to the Union. Through long study of history, Mitchell also has managed to link most of the nation's earlyday statesmen with some period in California's past.

Despite diligent search, however, he has been unable to connect Presidents Washington, Madison, Garfield or Lincoln with California in any way, he says.

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Coincidentally the company renews its Public Auction Sales, and will gladly send the catalog of its first post-war sale to be held at 7:30 p. m., June 11th at the Hotel Raleigh on request. Mr. Spiegelberg comes to the Company after many years of Federal Service in the Commerce Department as an International Trade Expert. He will continue to conduct his own specialty of Air Covers under the well known trade name of Aereo Philatelic Exchange. Collectors in and about Washington will also be interested that Daily Stamp Auctions are being featured as a counter attraction. The Fidelity Company will continue to issue its quarterly edition of prices of United States Stamps and First Day, First Flights and War Covers. The second 1948 Edition is now being distributed, as is the current issue of their Washington Stamp News, their "Gossip and Bargain" trade organ. Address of the firm is 825 G St. N. W., Washington, D. C.

Many Foreign Relief Parcels Are Damaged In Transit

Undoubtedly, many of the readers of this paper are sending food and other parcels to their friends and relatives in foreign countries. In many cases due to the fact that the parcels were not properly put together, they have come apart in the mail sacks, and have been lost thereby. The Post Office Department points out that the mail sacks containing these parcels are stacked several feet high in the holds of a ship, and that the pressure on the lowermost sacks is extreme, particularly during rough passage. Before further sendings are made abroad, the clerks at the post office should be consulted. They have been fully instructed as to what constitutes an acceptable package, and have it in their power to reject one that in their estimation seems to be not suitable.

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Exhibition Dates

- May 14, 15—NASPEX 1948, Nassau-Suffolk Philatelic Alliance, Armory, on Washington St., Hempstead, N. Y. Communications to P. O. Box 49, Glen Cove, N. Y.
- May 14, 15, 16—Stamp Exhibition of Southern California, Elk's Club, 607 S. Park View St., Los Angeles, Calif. Chmn. O.F. Braecklein (at above address).
- May 14, 15, 16—Lafayette Philatelic Society, Fowler Hotel, Lafayette, Ind. Chmn. E. H. Olling, 132 Sheets St., West Lafayette, Ind.
- May 15, 16—California Collectors Club, Druid's Hall, 44 Page St., San Francisco. Chmn. J. M. Clary, 135 Polk St., San Francisco, Calif.
- May 21, 22—Kentuckiana, Masonic Temple, Jeffersonville, Ind. Chmn. A. N. Estes, 108 Kentucky Ave., Louisville, Ky.
- May 21, 22, 23—Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs, Hotel Rauli, Oshkosh, Wis. Chairman, E. D. Hamilton, 118 W. Lincoln Ave., Oshkosh, Wis.
- May 22, 23—Butler County Philatelic Society, Standard Motor Co., Butler, Pa. J. Garland Marks, 424 E. Pearl St., Butler, Pa.
- May 23—Suburban Collectors Club, Hinsdale Community House, Chicago, Robert W. Olson, Knollwood, Oak Brook Rd., Hinsdale, Ill.
- May 22, 23, 24—Arrowhead Stamp Club, Soo Line Passenger Station, Duluth, Minn. George L. Varney, 605 Central Ave., Duluth, Minn.
- May 28, 29, 30—Seventh International Pacific Exhibition, New Westminster, British Columbia.

Germans Sponsor Philatelic Institute

Under the sponsorship of the mayor of Cottbus, Mr. Weihrach, the dealers and collectors of that German city and the adjacent area have established what is to be known as the "Institute of Philately". The aims and the services to be rendered have been set on a high plane by the interested parties, the intention being to establish a focal point for progressive and intelligent stamp collecting not only for Germany but for the whole world.

The program of the institute has been divided into several sections, the first of which is to be known as the Publisher's Section, and which will be responsible for the publication of a fortnightly magazine, and important handbooks as they are submitted by the Institute members. A Literary section will comb the available material for the formation of a library; the Lecture Section will gather the needed information, picture slides and the movies for the presentation of the hobby from the lecture platform.

In special rooms for the purpose at the Institute, the plans call for the continuous exhibitions of various collections as prepared by the Collections section. Another section will be responsible for the determination of fraudulent stamps and the dissemination of the information about them. A Press section is to work with the daily and philatelic press of all countries supplying these outlets with the new information and other philatelic news as it appears. A Correspondence section will serve the Institute as the name implies, while a cooperation section working closely with the Correspondence group is to gain world wide pooling of information and interests.

The single sections will join other sections, according to requirements, for the accomplishment of special tasks. At the head of each section there will be a well-known philatelist who is familiar with the sphere in question. The whole Institute of Philately will be managed by a managing director to whom all the single sections are subordinated. The IP has offered this post to Dr. H. W. Gewande who has accepted it.

The literary section, the section lectures, and collections have already started the preliminary work. The organization of the other sections is imminent. The head-office of the Institute of Philately is at Cottbus where, in the course of time a house of its own will be found for the purpose in question with offices of all kinds with smaller and larger halls for the meetings and congresses of philatelists. A radio will be provided also the employment of slide projectors and a film projector for the demonstration of professional films.

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BY CARL P. RUETH

I have received a number of cards and letters which have told me that the writers had found pairs and blocks of the Mississippi commem that had a perforation missing between the stamps. Are they worth more than the others, how much more, and are they to be considered an error or a rarity ask the bulk of the questions. They are worth no more than the others and would derive no extra value from just one missing perf. And they definitely are no error or rarity. It is caused when one of the teeth, or punches on the perforator are broken off. When you find stamps that should be perforated, without any at all, or at the most only one or two, then you have something unusual.

Airmail Week should have airmail questions.
1. In what way did the first two issues of air mail stamps differ from the later ones in the matter of prepaying postage on letters?
2. Can you name the various rates that were established for the payment of domestic airmail in 1918?

A number of collectors must have missed the various explanatory articles that appeared in the philatelic press and the daily press in regard to the missing "S" in the seal on the Mississippi stamp. Several have written of this as an error that they have discovered. It is not an error, and it was known long before the stamp was printed. In fact, the printing of the stamp was held up until the Post Office Department had cleared the legitimacy of the spelling with the Mississippi State Historical Society.

An item in the Daily News (New York City) was sent in by Neil Stack of Brooklyn. The article urges the POD to issue a set of stamps with the pictures of all the Presidential candidates on them. The idea is that all the backers of each candidate would buy them up by the thousands, and the POD could get out of the red.

Inasmuch as there were only about 20,000 of the first day covers for the 10c Canal Zone commem on April 17, isn't this a rather small amount, asks Bobby Bozeman of Baton Rouge, La. It is small when one considers that in the United States proper first days usually run over 400,000, and that the first days for foreign issues run over 100,000. It wasn't so long ago that even 1500 first day covers from the Canal Zone was considered very good!

A commemorative cover bearing the special postmark and cancellation used by the POD to celebrate Navy Day on April 30, and having a nice cachet was received from H. A. Nestor of Grafton, W. Va. Covers bearing slogan postmarks and different kinds of cancellations make a nice collection, and they are not too expensive to get either since they can be culled from the daily mail. Only exception is when they are special for one day or so as the one above, then it costs a stamp and an envelope and some extra effort.

A DID YOU KNOW ITEM:

Those fancy borders and pictures on bonds and postage stamps aren't just for decoration. These are used to foil counterfeiters. Up until 1869, a number of the stamp designs featured lathe work, those fine intricate lines emmeshed with each other in various patterns. After the lines are once made on the master die, it is impossible to duplicate them no matter how skilled the workman, nor how accurate the machine. Since that time, the POD has found less need to protect its stamps in this manner, although it still retains the engraving method for recording the designs. When one remembers that all the stamps ever issued in this country except the 1847's and the other series up to 1860 are all valid for the prepayment of postage, that makes a lot of stamps that could be counterfeited. In foreign countries, say for instance Switzerland which is noted for the beauty of its stamps, they state that a stamp is good for only so many months, and after that time it will not be valid for postage.

The famous 5c and 10c stamps of 1847 were declared invalid for the payment of postage on July 1, 1851, although covers from various towns are known on which these stamps were used for postage after that date. Owing to the Civil War, stamps and stamped envelopes in current use or available for postage in 1860, were demonetized by various post office orders, beginning in August 1861, and extending to the early part of January 1862.

A reasonable time after hostilities began in 1861 was given for the return to the Department of all these (1851-57) stamps in the hands of the postmasters, and as early as 1863 the Department issued an order declining to no longer redeem them.

Who first started the idea of collecting plate numbers, and how did they come to command such a premium, asks Barnett Stepak of Bayonne, N. J. It would be hard to pin the idea on any one individual, since it seems that plate numbers were regarded with a speculative eye from the time that they were first used by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. For a while, collectors saved them in strips which bore the number, and the imprint of the Bureau rather than in blocks, or plate number singles.

In this day and age the popular taste calls for plate blocks. It should be remembered that unless you have a plate block of six of a flat plate issue, you do not have a legitimate one. The rotary press printings allow for blocks of four with the plate number attached. The extra value comes from the fact that say out of a pane of 50 stamps (commem size) there are only four stamps that can be used for the plate number. In a pane of regular postage stamps (100 stamps) only one block out of a possible 25 has a plate number. The plate blocks are not priced 24 times higher than an ordinary block even though they are that much scarcer. They are usually priced, for the modern issues, about one-fifth higher than an ordinary block.

1. The first two issues of stamps for airmail usage, Scott C1 to C6 were also usable for regular postage, which the ones after that are not. They didn't even carry the word "Airmail" except C5 which had it as an incidental part of the design.

2. The airmail rates for domestic postage is given per ounce, and was effective between the dates given as follows:

24c—May 15, 1918 (actually the first airmail stamp, and used on the first route between New York, Philadelphia and Washington. The fee included immediate individual delivery).

16c—July 15, 1918 (rate of postage was reduced to 16c for the first ounce, and 6c for each additional ounce, and which included immediate delivery).

6c—December 15, 1918 (rate reduced by the Postmaster General's order of November 30, 1918).

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A novel offer is noted from Hil F. Best, vice-president of the SPA in his column in the SPA Journal, official organ of the Society of Philatelic Americans. Mr. Best writes, "Everybody has gone nuts on contests, so I decided to hold one for a good cause...What Lawmaker is the only war veteran in Congress? State his name, his present position and his war record...Send in your answers with a good philatelic donation for Stamps For The Wounded to me as regional director, 1215 Nottingham Rd., Grosse Pointe 30, Mich. I'm working on some prizes...may be able to get a B-29 trip to Detroit to the SPA Convention, all expenses paid for travel only if you live fifty miles from Detroit. Anyway, there's a real contest and it's a real man who serves his country in four wars which were fought during the lifetime of this great SPA of ours."

No mention was made whether Mr. Best will consider non-members of the SPA in the contest, but to play safe, apply to him for details about joining this excellent collector organization.

Illustrated Price List Of Revenue Stamps

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Communications Exhibition Souvenir Sheet



Above is pictured a new souvenir sheet from Japan, issued April 27, 1948. This sheet is issued in commemoration of the reconstruction of communications damaged by the war. The Japanese characters in the upper left corner are "AKARUI" meaning "Communications Exhibition." The characters at the lower right corner read "Exhibition during March and April 1948—Toyo." The picture on the stamp is a Japanese yacht with the famous pine boughs showing, the characters at the bottom of the stamp "Japan Bridge," the supposed center of Tokyo and the place from which all distances from Tokyo are measured. The word is a contraction of Nippon, meaning Japan and Bashi which means bridge, or anyone of a number of things, just like the sound of our word to, too. The Japanese character is different but the sound and the Romaji spelling are the same.

The ship in the picture is in the "Seto-Maikai" or the Japanese Mediterranean Sea. Seto meaning canal and Maikai meaning inland sea. We are indebted for this information to Fred G. Weideman who is with GHQ in Japan. We are advised that the legal rate of exchange in Japan is 50 yen for \$100 but that on the black market as many as 200 to 300 yen may be bought for the dollar which can account for some of the low prices that may prevail for Japanese stamps at present.

Pennsylvanians Plan Two Day Exhibition

The Butler County Philatelic Society, of Butler, Pennsylvania, will hold their Sixth Annual Stamp Exhibition and Open House on Saturday and Sunday, May 22 and 23, 1948, in the Display Room of the Standard Motor Company, Main and Brady Streets, Butler, Pennsylvania. The Exhibition will consist of approximately 65 large frames of stamps, covers and postal stationery, all belonging to the Society's members. This Exhibition and Bourse of well known dealers will be free and open to the interested public from 12 noon to 10 p. m. on Saturday, May 22, and from 12 noon to 5 p. m. Sunday, May 23.

There will also be a dinner in the Hotel Nixon for all the member and the visiting collectors and dealers, at 6:15 p. m., on Saturday, May 22.

Any one desiring information relating to the Bourse and Dinner reservations, or hotel accommodation, may communicate with the President and General Chairman, J. Garland Marks, 424 East Pearl street, Butler, Pa.

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ROYAL SILVER WEDDING.

Word has been received from London that 48 more sets from the Crown Colonies and Dominions will be issued to commemorate the Royal Silver Wedding. Each set will be of two values, one low value corresponding to the current inland letter rate and the other to be the same value as the highest value of the current series. This will produce 21 new 20 shilling or pound values, 13 new 10 shilling values and numerous high dollar and Rupee values. The approximate cost of these new sets at current official exchange rates is about \$130.

This is apparently a bid for American dollars as most of these high values are rarely used for postal purposes. The design will be the same for all sets and the colors will be the same as the corresponding values now in use. Protests will probably be useless as the American collectors will buy these high value stamps, especially when they remember that all previous high value commemoratives have substantially increased in value.

The Great Britain Postal Union Congress one Pound stamps now has a catalogue value of \$27.50 mint and \$18.00 used. At a New York auction sale on April 19th, a mint copy sold for \$27. and a used copy for \$21.

MAURITIUS. The post office centenary set of 4 bicolored stamps has arrived in the United States and will remain on sale for one year or until stocks are exhausted, whichever is earlier. During the currency of these commemorative stamps, the equivalent values of the permanent issue will be withdrawn.

ANTIGUA & MONTserrat. New 10 shilling and one Pound values for these two colonies were placed on sale in April—and—presumably this means two more pound stamps for the Royal Silver Wedding sets.

HONG KONG. A 20 cent value in a new color was placed on sale in Hong Kong on April 1st. On the same day, the 15 cent and the 20 cent (black) were withdrawn from sale.

GOLD COAST. Advance illustrations of the new series of pictorial stamps shows this to be one of the most attractive colonial sets ever issued. The stamps will be of the same size and format as the current issue of Gambia. They are being printed by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co.

PAKISTAN. From India comes the report that forged imprints of the higher values have been found.

EGYPT. A 10 m dark olive stamp to commemorate the April cotton congress has been issued and is now available in the United States.

IRELAND. The long expected and postponed air mail set of two values, a 3d blue and a 6d red lavender have arrived in this country.

The territory of Hatay (originally Alexandretta) was given to Turkey by France for certain concessions.

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A stamp theft in London has brought a reward offer in New York.

The thief took a rare block of 12 of the New Zealand "King Edward VII Land" stamp, photographed in the margin by Sir Ernest Shackleton. He stole it from the Museum of the Royal Research Ship "Discovery," anchored off the Thames Embankment. Reporting the block stolen, the Chief of London's River Police said he believed it might be offered for sale in Canada or the United States.

Harmer, Rooke & Co. presented the block to the museum some years ago. Now the New York office of this firm offers \$100 for information leading to its return.

When Sir Ernest Shackleton sailed from New Zealand Jan. 1, 1908, in the Nimrod, commanding an expedition which pushed to a spot 97 miles from the South Pole, he took along a supply of these stamps. They were used by members of the expedition, and many were postmarked at a post office set up by it.

The stamp consists of the green overprint, "King Edward VII Land" reading up in two vertical lines, applied to the New Zealand 1p carmine "Commerce" stamp of 1902. The Shackleton stamp is not listed in the Scott Catalogue, but Gibbons' Catalogue prices it at 17sh6p (\$3.50).

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FIVE NEW COMMEMS

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partment found merit. This statement was provoked by the number of requests that have been introduced into Congress calling for the issuance of commemorative postage stamps for many events, most of which were of no national importance or significance.

It was stated that Congressmen were submitting to pressure from their home districts much of it selfish and ill-advised.

Several associations whose memberships are composed of the descendants of the Swedish Pioneers who moved to the Mid-West have been quite active in their efforts to have a stamp issued to celebrate the Centennial. The bulk of these people now live in Illinois, Minnesota and the Dakotas and consequently the Congressmen from these states have been active in behalf of a commemorative stamp. A good deal of the promotional work on the stamp in Washington was spearheaded by Rep. Twyman (R., Ill.).

The stamp for the 100th Anniversary of the Arrival of the Five Civilized Tribes in Oklahoma has been under consideration for some time. Interested persons in Oklahoma have been lobbying for such a stamp for at least two years. With the announcement of this stamp, Oklahoma will have two stamps from within its borders this year. The first the Will Rogers from Claremore, and this new one from Muskogee.

The stamp to commemorate the 100 Years of Peace and Cooperation between the United States and Canada will be the one hailed gleefully by the collectors and the citizens of both countries. Too long has this "good neighborliness" gone unrecognized philatelically. No doubt a lot of international meetings will be inspired with the issuance of this stamp over and above those that take place regularly now. It is quite possible that Canada will reciprocate the compliment with the issuance of a stamp also.

The last serious friction between the two countries, and it was not one in which armed forces were involved was in connection with the setting of the boundaries of the Oregon Territory and Canada. This involved the use of that famous slogan, "Fifty-four forty, or fight!" The Americans asked that the boundaries be established at 54° 40' of Latitude. The British would not agree. Cool heads on both sides considering the business interests and the nationality of the settlers living there finally set the boundary at 59° Latitude. This is the same Oregon Territory for which a stamp has been announced.

Other news from Washington is to the effect that the Post Office Department has announced that the color of the Four Chaplains stamp will be black. This is the stamp that is to go on sale at Washington, D. C. on May 28 in honor of the four chaplains who lost their lives in one of the most heroic examples of self sacrifice recorded in the war. This color will be quite appropriate in view of the commemoration. There have been very few stamps printed in black, that have not made an excellent appearance.

It has definitely been established that the design of the stamp to commemorate the 100 Years Progress of American Women will bear the portraits of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott. These two ladies had originally led a group of women opposed to slavery. (See story Linn's, April 12 issue, page 1.) They soon decided that the lot of women in this country could also be improved, and with this goal in mind they called the first Women's Rights convention in Seneca Falls, N. Y. on July 19, 1848.

The stamp will be issued on this same day this year, July 19, 1948.

LARGEST ROCKET

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in the flight, the number of orders far exceeded expectations. In order to fill all of the requests which arrived by the deadline of March 13, it was necessary to use light-weight envelopes for most of the covers. Part of these are regular envelopes, and the remainder are air-mail envelopes, with a 2c stamp in addition to the Centennial.

Between dawn and noon on March 27, 1948, eight rockets, each eleven feet long, three inches in diameter, with mail compartments built into their plywood guiding fins roared over the glistening expanse of Searles Dry Lake in the Mojave Desert, use of which had been granted by the American Potash and Chemical Corporation. The launching rack was erected in Inyo County, and the rockets were fired into San Bernardino County, in the postal jurisdiction of Trona.

Of the eight rockets launched, seven made perfect flights, attaining speeds of 400 miles per hour, altitude of about half a mile and an average distance of about a mile. One rocket exploded from a faulty tube a second after leaving the launching rack, but its cargo of 600 letters was undamaged. The flights were photographed by both newspaper and newsreel cameramen from most national agencies.

When the mail was retrieved and delivered to Trona Postmaster John B. MacPherson, it was found that he had not been informed of the clearance of the special stamps by United States Attorney James M. Carter, but was still working under an earlier directive forbidding his acceptance of the letters stamped in this way. Society officials promptly began to contact government agencies and individuals, including Senator Sheridan Downey of California. After more than two weeks, the Post Office Department lifted the ban which had barred the letters from regular postal channels, and the 4200 covers were postmarked at Trona, California, on April 17, 1948. The Society had previously cancelled the rocket stamp.

It is believed that the eight rockets, carrying 4200 covers, constitute the largest rocket mail flight ever held. Of the many rocket mail flights held both in the United States and Europe since 1931, the largest previous flight was held from McAllen, Texas, to Reynosa, Mexico, on July 2, 1936. Six rockets were fired, carrying a total of nearly 2000 covers.

The rocket mail stamps prepared by the society were printed in blue, and were both perforated and imperforated. They were made up in blocks of four, bordered with a designation of their origin, use, and date of the flight.

The Reaction Research Society, with headquarters at 3262 Casters Avenue Glendale 8, California, is a non-profit rocket research organization. The Society held this flight to stimulate interest in the possibility of using rockets as long range mail carriers. Society technicians declared that this flight, and the others which have been made in the past, are forerunners of future rocket mail between cities as far apart as Los Angeles and San Francisco.

The rocket mail flight was held at the fifth anniversary of the Society's founding, and proceeds realized from the flight will be used to further Society research. The main Society project at the present time is concerned with the development of a high-altitude meteorological rocket. This project has been named "Project Goddard" in remembrance of Dr. Robert H. Goddard, American rocket pioneer.

The Society has held one other rocket mail flight, on June 28, 1947, from Winterhaven, California, across the Colorado River to Yuma, Arizona. Two rockets were fired, one of which exploded, while the other arrived safely with its cargo of 300 letters.

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Air Letter And First Flight From Germany

An announcement that arrived too late for the benefit of first day and first flight fans, but of interest nevertheless, has to do with the inauguration of an air letter sheet by Germany and the establishment of civilian airmail service. Both were to have a first day on May 1. The first flight from Germany started from Frankfurt, and is intended to be a continuous service for civilian as well as business mail. The weight limit for the present is set at a maximum of 3 1/2 ounces per letter.

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